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## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF SACRED LITERATURE.

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A new phase of University Extension work seems to be coming into prominence, namely, Biblical lecture courses. This is a line of work which must be carefully and judiciously guarded. In this as in no other single subject, because it appeals to so large a constituency, there is danger of producing a "fad," and consequently more or less sham. A spirit of generous rivalry between the different Extension organizations working in the same field is undoubtedly productive of good, as it stimulates interest and action where perhaps a single organization would die out, but too great a rivalry is attended with evil.

In order to guard against the overstocking of the field with second-rate lecturers, and the creation of a general uproar in the line of biblical study with no abiding results, the American Institute of Sacred Literature proposes an attempt to unify and strengthen the work of all Extension societies in this department of work by becoming itself a central council to which all Extension societies may refer for the suggestion of the names of the best lecturers in all biblical lines, for choice in regard to programs, syllabi, etc.

The Institute will, through its many departments, keep a close watch of the entire field, and wherever there seems to be an opening for biblical work, the nearest University Extension organization will have its attention called to the matter, and thus be enabled to propose its courses with authority. All societies entering this union will, of course, give no biblical lectures without first submitting the name of the lecturer, with the subject of his lectures, to the Institute. Under this arrangement the University of Chicago offers the following courses of biblical lectures this winter:

William R. Harper, Ph.D., D.D., President of the University; The Stories of Genesis, six lectures.

Richard G. Moulton, Ph.D., Professor of English Literature; Studies in Biblical Literature, twelve lectures.

Emil G. Hirsch, Ph.D., Professor of Rabbinical Literature and Philosophy; Religion in the Talmud, six lectures; The Jewish Sects, six lectures; Biblical Literature, six lectures; The History of Judaism, six lectures.

Ernest D. Burton, A.B., Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis; The Second Group of Paul's Letters, twelve lectures.

Ira M. Price, Ph.D., Associate Professor of the Semitic Languages and Literature: What the Monuments Tell Us Relative to the Old Testament, six lectures. (Illustrated by stereopticon slides of the monuments). The Forgotten Empires and the Old Testament, twelve lectures. (Illustrated).

Oliver J. Thatcher, A.B., Assistant Professor of History; The Apostolic Church, twelve lectures: The Life and Work of Paul, six lectures,

N. I. Rubinkam, Ph.D., Lecturer in Old Testament Literature; The Five Megilloth (Rolls), six lectures.

Clyde W. Votaw, A.M., B.D., Docent in New Testament Literature; Sources and Relations of the Four Gospels, six lectures; Jewish and Christian Writings Parallel with, but Excluded from, Our Bible, twelve lectures; Some Aspects of the Life of Christ, six lectures.

Chas. F. Kent, Ph.D., Docent in Biblical Literature; Social Philosophy of the Hebrews, six lectures: Hebrew Wisdom Literature, six lectures; Messages of the Neglected Books—Studies in the Minor Prophets, six lectures.

Theophilus H. Root, A.B., B.D., Tutor in New Testament Literature; The Life of Christ, six lectures.